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SUBJ: AUTO TURN SIGNAL INDICATORS

1. PURSUANT TO 1968 VIENNA CONVENTION ON AUTOMOBILE SAFETY, SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS AMENDED TRAFFIC CODE TO REQUIRE ALL VEHICLES TO HAVE AMBER TURN SIGNAL INDICATOR

EMBASSY SEEKING SPECIAL EXCEPTION OF THIS REQUIREMENT FOR US MODELS OF US MILITARY AND USG CIVILIANS ON OFFICIAL DUTY IN SPAIN SINCE US-MADE VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH RED TURN SIGNALS LENSES AND HAVE COMBINED BRAKELIGHT-TURN SIGNAL SYSTEMS THAT WOULD REQUIRE EXPENSIVE REWIRING AND RE-LENSING TO MEET REGULATIONS.

2. IN CONSIDERING APPEAL, GOS HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION AS TO HOW REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN APPLIED TO AMERICAN VEHICLES OF USG OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS IN OTHER EUROPEAN SIGNATORY COUNTRIES. SIMILAR INFO HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM NATO COUNTRIES BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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3. IF HOST COUNTRY IS SIGNATORY AND REQUIRES AMBER TURN

SIGNALS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS TO WHETHER
REQUIREMENT APPLIED TO US MODELS OF US CIVILIAN OR
MILITARY ON OFFICIAL DUTY AND WHETHER ANY DISTINCTIONS
MADE AS TO DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF VEHICLE OWNER. WOULD
WELCOME ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OR COMMENTS
EMBASSY MAY HAVE.
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